



(Above) Bryan Tenhopen, a guard for the Lakers, struggles to find room among the Sixers defense during a game at the Depot Marine Corps Community Services-South Carolina gym Jan. 29. Tenhopen put in the 12-9 game-clinching basket with under a minute to go. (Above right) Sixers players knock the ball away from a Lakers player during a game with the Bulls at the Depot Marine Corps Community Services-South Carolina gym Jan. 29. The Lakers won the game 12-9.



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## Lakers edge past Sixers 12-9

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The Lakers defeated the Sixers 12-9 in the 9- to 10-year-old Marine Corps Community Services-South Carolina youth basketball league at the Depot MCCS-SC gym Jan. 29.

The Lakers entered the game with a record of 1-2 and are now even on the year. The victory came through the well-rounded shooting of the team and a few clutch plays by Bryan Tenhopen.

The Lakers almost gave the game away at the end, as they continually committed fouls, sending the Sixers' Ron Stewart to the line. However, Tenhopen came up with the clinching shot with little time remaining, which put the game out of reach for the Sixers.

The Sixers' loss emphasized the importance of "playing like you practice."

"We started out kind of rough," said Terrance T. Jordan, the coach for the Sixers. "We played a good game. The only thing we need to realize is that when we practice, we practice for a reason.

The fundamentals and things that we go over in practice aren't being applied in the game."

Learning how and when to apply those basics takes recognition through repetition.

"We have to learn from our mistakes," said Jordan. "I think our main problem is that we need to start setting more picks."

"If there is a guy running and playing good defense on the other player, then you start setting picks, and that will free up that guy to make an easy basket. We have been practicing it, but we have not been applying," he added.

While the Sixers undergo a slow incline of improvement, the Lakers have picked up the pace, winning their last two. Throughout the rest of the season Brenda M. Clark, the Lakers coach, hopes to see the team continue to progress from the 0-2 start and continuously rise.

"We will come out in the top two," she said. "In practice we are always stressing teamwork and playing man-to-man. We tried to attempt a zone defense, but it wasn't there, so we went

with man-to-man, and they are awesome at it. We have worked hard on those skills in the last two to three practices, and they have done an outstanding job."

The Lakers are doing just as their coach has predicted, whereas the Sixers' coach still sees room for improvement.

"My main concern is not our offense; it's our defense," said Jordan. "We need to work on the full-court press, setting picks and our dribbling skills. Once we get rebounds, we need to relax, control the ball and find the point guard to bring the ball down court."

Although one team seems to be progressing quicker than the other, either team could have pulled this one out at the end. It was strictly a matter of who had the ball last.

"It came right down to the wire, but it was definitely our best game," said Clark.

The Sixers will take on the Celtics at 6 p.m., while the Lakers will square off against the Magic at 7 p.m. Both games will take place at the Depot MCCS-SC gym Feb. 12.

# Hospital apprehends H&HS PMO 66-40, set to win all

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Naval Hospital defeated H&HS PMO 66-40 in Tri-Command intramural basketball action at the Air Station's Paul L. Siegmund Fitness Complex Jan. 29.

The win completed a six-game winning streak and improved the team's record to 11-3, second only to MALS-31 Ord.

Since the season has shifted into its second half, the Hospital players have placed their focus on their defensive game. Utilizing different defensive schemes, the team overtook PMO and was able to enhance their tactics in preparation for the playoffs.

"We wanted to use the game as a chance to work on different sets, like a two-three zone and a man-to-man press," said Kenneth Bush, assistant coach and center for Hospital. "We were able to accomplish what we wanted, and in turn, we beat them pretty bad."

Although the team's outside shooting and dominant post players have helped lend to their high-scoring wins, the players feel that shaping up their defense will ultimately help them become the league champions.

"If we play well on defense, it will turn into offensive points," said Bush. "We understand that we have to start playing at a higher level now, instead of waiting until the playoffs."

Bush said he and his teammates made that mistake back during the summer when they were playing in a civilian league, and were eliminated early in the post season. This time, he and his teammates vow that things will come out differently, as they set out to redeem not only the summer league elimination, but also last year's intramural league finish.

Midway through last season, the team lost four starters to deployment, ending an undefeated stint they had held from the



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**Joseph Baldwin, guard for Naval Hospital, puts up a shot in the paint during a game against 6th District at the Air Station Jan. 15. After a double-forfeit Monday against Dirty Dental, Hospital ended a six-game winning streak. The game was supposed to be Hospital's chance to prove wrong Dental's theory that they are the best Navy team in the league.**

beginning. With a full roster this year, the team seems to be back on the winning track. They started the season defeating the defending league champions, Over Thirty.

"I think it was great that we got to play them first," said Bush. "It was a statement that said, 'Hey - we're back and we're going to

be in contention.'"

Just simply being in contention is not quite enough to satisfy Bush, however. He has his eyes on the tournament trophy.

"Our goal every year is to win the championship," he said. "Anything less than that I'll take as a failure."

There may be a few bumps in



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**Chad Kimbrough, forward for Naval Hospital, dribbles through defenders in a game against 6th District at the Air Station's Paul L. Siegmund Fitness Complex Jan. 15. Since the second half of the season began, Hospital has been working on its defensive game in preparation for the playoffs. The team is currently 11-4, tied for third place in the standings with Over Thirty.**

the road to a championship. Since the win over PMO, the Hospital was scheduled to play Dirty Dental Monday, but the game was ruled a double-forfeit as both teams only showed up with four players. This went down as a loss for Hospital, knocking them down to tied for third with Thirty.

"We thought we had a grace period for the time that players could show up," said Bush. "We have players that work 12-hour shifts, and we had a couple stroll in five minutes late. We were really looking forward to playing them, too."

The anticipation for the match-up was bred out of a rivalry between the two Navy teams that extends back to the summer league that Dental also played in, but the icing on the cake was previous

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comments made by Dental players taunting Hospital in a recent newspaper article.

"They got lucky this time, but their luck is running out," said Bush. "We're eventually going to meet this year and it's not going to be pretty."

Besides gunning for Dental, Hospital has RTR and Mals-31 Ord to sweep out of their path towards the league title. Mals-31 is first in the league with a 14-2 record, while RTR is second at 9-3. Hospital has beaten RTR once, but has yet to face Mals-31.

The team only has one more regular season game before playoffs begin, set for Feb. 18 against Mals-31 Supply.